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Attorney Docket No. 0550-1001-1

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To the Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventors: **Siebo KUNSTREICH and Marie-Claude NOVE**

This application is a continuation division continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. **10/149,388**, filed on **June 12, 2002**, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Title: **EQUIPMENT FOR SUPPLYING MOLTEN METAL TO A CONTINUOUS CASTING INGOT MOULD**

Enclosed are:

16 Pages of Specification containing **11** claims

3 Sheets of formal Drawings Abstract of the Disclosure

Submission of English translation of prior provisional application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)

Newly executed Oath or Declaration/Power of Attorney

Copy of Oath or Declaration/Power of Attorney from a prior application (continuation/divisional)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied as indicated in the preceding box, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Deletion of inventor(s). A signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (see 37 CFR 1.63 (d)(2) and 1.33(b))

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

An assignment to _____ for parent application no. **10/149,388** was recorded on _____ at Reel _____, Frame _____

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - Copy of IDS citations

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Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

Priority of **France** application No. **00-02501** filed in **France** on **February 29, 2000** is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A copy of this was acknowledged to have been received in an Office Action issued in the parent application, dated July 8, 2003.

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Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)

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 Prior Application Information: Examiner: K. Lin Tech Center: 1725

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 --This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 10/149,388, filed on June 12, 2002. Application No. 10/149,388 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/FR01/00263 filed on January 29, 2001 under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference.--

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